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GIBB, LINDENSON & CO.,

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1889.

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30th MARCH, 1889.

GRAND REGIMENTAL COMMAND
NIGHT.

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OFFICERS of the A. & S.
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Donizetti's Romani and Comic Opera in
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Owing to the great demand for Seats no
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HUGO GOELITZ,
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Hongkong, 30th March, 1889. (628)

A. O'D. GOULDIN,
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WORLD! In the great competition open
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1878, the highest award the Gold Medal for
Preserved Butter in this, was gained by
CLANCY'S CELEBRATED RED STAR IRISH
BUTTER. Many other Gold and Silver Medals,
and also bronze medals in connection with
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application at the Company's Offices, No. 7,
Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary (Pro tem.)

NOTICE.—It is further given that an EX-
TRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
the Company will be held at the same place,
on the same day, 12.15 o'clock p.m., when the
following Special Resolutions will be proposed,
viz.—

That the Capital of the Company is
increased to the sum of \$50,000 legally current
in the Colony of Hongkong by the creation of
25,000 New Shares of \$2 each. Subject
to any direction to the contrary that may
be given by the Meeting sanctioning the
increase of Capital, all New Shares shall be
offered to the Members registered on the
day of the confirmation of the resolution in
proportion to the existing Shares held by them,
and each offer shall be for one Share, specifying
the number of Shares to which the member
is entitled and limiting a time
within which the offer, if not accepted, will
be deemed to be declined, and after the
expiration of such time or on the receipt of
an intimation from the Member to whom
such notice is given that he declines to
accept the Shares offered, such Shares shall
be disposed of by the Directors in their
discretion.

Dated the 22nd day of March, 1889.

By Order of the Board.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$2,500,000
PAID UP CAPITAL 1,230,000

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY, the 1st April, 1889, at 2 P.M., at his
Office, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong,
T. E. L. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1889. (630)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. J. H. LEVING, Chairman.
Hon. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman.
Mr. E. A. SOLOMON.
Mr. J. S. MOSES.
Mr. S. C. MICHAELSEN.
Mr. G. E. NOBLE.
Mr. LEE SING.
Mr. POON PONG.

BANTERS:
THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
INCORPORATION.

The objects for which this Company is
formed, are to transact in the Colony of Hong-
kong and its dependencies, the Purchases and
Sales of Property, to advance money on
Mortgage, to undertake the Management and
Agency of Estates, and generally to carry on
any business in connection with Landed Prop-
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New Shares a First Call of \$5 per Share shall
be paid as hereinbefore provided, and the balance
of \$5 per Share shall be payable in such
amounts, at such times, and on such conditions
as the Board may determine, and that the
Board be authorized to issue such New Shares
at such a premium (not exceeding \$5 per cent.)
as it may think fit, such premium to be paid on
Allotment.

That of such New Shares \$12,500, or
(as the case may be) a number comprising
or equivalent to, One New Share, for
every complete number of two existing shares,
shall be offered to the persons who on the 2nd day of
May, 1889, shall be the registered shareholders
of the existing shares, in the proportion of one
new share for every complete number of two
existing shares, and such other share number
as the Board may determine, and that the
Board be authorized to issue such new shares
which shall be registered and shall be entitled
to take up and limit themselves to a time
which the offer, if not accepted in writing, will
be deemed to be not accepted. The First Call of
\$5 on every such accepted share shall be paid
at the time of acceptance, and all such non-
accepted shares, and also the remainder (if any)
of the said 12,500 New Shares, shall be disposed
of in such a manner, at such times, and on such
conditions as the Board may determine.

That the First Call of \$50 on every such share
be offered to the Public in such a manner
as the Board may determine, but so that the First
Call of \$50 on every such accepted share shall be paid
at the time of acceptance, and all such non-
accepted shares, and also the remainder (if any)
of the said 12,500 New Shares, shall be paid on Application.

4.—That all premium on the said New Shares
be carried to the Reserve Fund mentioned
in Article No. 98 of the Company's Articles of
Association.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary (pro tem.)

Hongkong, 27th March, 1889. (631)

LETTERS PATENT.

Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at
DAILIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1889. (632)

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Pocock, will be despatched above
on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd April, at THREE
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1889. (633)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE,
via KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTH."

Hunt, commander, will be despatched above
on THURSDAY, the 4th April, at FOUR
P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the
superior Accommodation offered by this
Steamer. First-class Saloons and Cabins are
situated forward of the Engines. Second-class
Passenger berths are berthed in the Poor. A Refrac-
tory Cabin is provided for the supply of Fresh
Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly
qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1889. (634)

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1889. (635)

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ools and refreshes the face and hands of
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Whitens the teeth, removes decay, and gives a
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Hongkong, 21st March, 1889. (636)

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of Purity. The Wine is as designated.

Apply to JADELINE, MATHESON & CO.,

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1889. (637)

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 12th March, 1889. 19

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Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but for advice of good-
ness.

All letters to publication should be written on one
side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not
needed for a fixed period will be continued until
countermanded.

Order for extra copies of the Daily Press should
be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.
After that hour the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE NO. 12.

DEATH.

On the 12th February died Sir JOHN CHARLES
FRENCH, the son of General Sir W. D. Davis,
Darewell Tower, Westerham, Kent, and late of Hong-
kong. Friends will please accept this intimation.

1889.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 30TH, 1889.

THE condition of the Coalings Stations has
been made the text for another letter to *The Times* by Lord CAENARVON. The noble baron
insists that Sierra Leone, the Cape, Mauritius,
Singapore, and Hongkong, which should
be fully armed, still remain either partially,
or wholly unprotected. He admits that in
Hongkong there are some modern guns of
good but low calibre, but maintains that
there are no 9-inch guns, at least of modern
breach-loading type, and considers the pre-
sent armament insufficient for its effective
protection. A writer in the *Army and Navy
Gazette*, on the other hand, is inclined to think
that Hongkong is the best defended coaling
station in the Empire. Unfortunately this
authority is not quite so well informed as
might be wished, as will be seen on perusal
of his article reproduced in another column.
His recapitulation of the forts and their
armament is not far out, but his remark
concerning the garrison display a great want
of accuracy. In the first place there is not
an ample establishment of fairly well
trained men for the working of the batteries
in time of active service. The garrison is
notoriously inadequate for that purpose, and
is to be reinforced as soon, presumably, as
the men can be sent out, provision having
been made in the Estimates for that special
purpose. At present the entire garrison
would hardly suffice to man the batteries
alone. Neither is it true that "eight hundred
Sikh Police have been stationed here since
1869." There are at the present time only
220 on the roll—there should be at least 400
—and not a man of them would be available
for the defence of the Colony in case of in-
vasion. This fact has been distinctly stated
to the War Office by the Colonial Govern-
ment, who have shown that all the Police
would, in any such contingency as an attack
on the island, be required to overawe the
roughs among the Chinese population. The
Gazette writer goes on to speak of the Chi-
nese as "capital gunners," but we have no
Chinese gunners in Hongkong, and so long as
the Authorities retain possession of their
seas we are not likely to have them.
Finally, he falls back upon the Hongkong
Volunteers, who, he says, are a well trained
body, and they have during war scares come
to the front in large numbers. No doubt
the Volunteers would do good service if called
upon, but unfortunately their large numbers
exist only in the imagination of the London
writer. Probably the muster roll
would be greatly swelled if any real and im-
minent danger loomed on the horizon, but
the assistance they could render would necessarily
be very limited, and they ought scarcely
to be reckoned on in any estimate of the
fighting garrison. If therefore this is the
best defended coaling station, all we can say
is also for the rest.

But though we still lack the heavier guns
and the needed reinforcement of the garris-
son, there is good ground for believing that
we shall ultimately get both. Lord CAENARVON
is perhaps a bit of a pessimist, but his severer
criticisms are only too well founded,
and they will do much good in forcing
on the work of providing guns and troops
for the different stations. Forts without
guns, as we remarked the other day, when
writing on the subject, are a delusion and a
shame, and Lord CAENARVON rightly insists
on the paramount necessity of providing an
effective armament. He says:—"The con-
struction, indeed, of forts is a matter of secondary importance—they can be
extemporised—and modern science is revert-
ing to primitive practice in preferring earth-
works to stone fortifications. But it needs
time to build a modern gun, and we are so
incompetent or unlucky that either the guns
are not produced, or, when forthcoming,
after long delay, and subjected to trial, they
break down, as was the case last year in cer-
tain memorable instances." Since this was
written, the proposals for a large
one on the national defences have been submitted to the
House of Commons, and the debate upon
them is now proceeding in that assembly.
There is little doubt the money needed for
increasing the Navy and providing for a
small addition to the Army will be voted by
a large majority, but the difficulty of securing
an adequate supply of big guns will not
so easily surround the Government establish-
ments, as Lord CAENARVON points out,
cannot produce the required arm, and the
private manufacturers, such as ARM-
ERNO and WIRWICH, are unable to sup-
ply them to the extent and within the time
needed, being unwilling to lay down the
expensive plant necessary for the purpose
without a Government guarantee of suffi-
ciently large orders to make it worth their
while to incur the outlay. It is certainly
a remarkable fact—and one that scarcely seems
credible to the greatest manufacturing na-
tion—that England alone of the principal
European Powers is unable to make her own
guns. Of course if we could be certain of
the future for a given number of years there
would be no cause for alarm; the production
of the guns could go on gradually and care-
fully, but in the present disturbed and uncertain
state of affairs in Europe, taking into consider-
ation, also, the vast armaments maintained
by the leading Powers, it behoves the British
Government to be prepared for war. A good
deal has been done, so far as the coaling
stations are concerned, but it is simply
lamentable to think that while so much
money has been expended upon the fortifi-
cations they are still—through lack of guns—
pregnable to assault.

There was a shooting match to be held to-day between a team from the Garrison Shooting Club and one from the Volunteer Corps, on the Military Range, commencing at 3 p.m. The conditions of the match were as follows:—H. R. or Cartridges. Distance—200, 400, and 500 yards. Each shot at each side to count. The match will last eight hours to come. A launch will leave the P. O. Wharf at 2.5 p.m. sharp. The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the Volunteer Team:—Mr. E. L. Wood, Mr. E. H. Hayler, Lieut. Col. Corp. F. Collins, Gunners' Hope Jackson, F. Shepherd, and D. Wood. Reserve—Lieut. Daneson, Sergt. Dade, Gunner E. B. Shepherd.

A shooting match is to be held to-day between the Agents (Moors, Butterfield and Swaine) inform us that the Ocean Steamship Company steamer *Laurie*, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday morning for this port.

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Passed new, 200.

Schedule A was postponed, schedule B passed, and schedule C postponed.

The Acting COLONIAL TREASURER—Might I draw attention to one point in section 6?

The clause agreed to, provides that in the sole case of a person entitled to compensation of money, and in the event of the cost largely exceeding the estimate they agree to contribute to the excess. What I do not understand is how the amount to be paid by the different lot-holders is to be arrived at.

HIS EXCELLENCE—Well, the Bill is not going to be passed to-day, and therefore I think the hon. member will have full opportunity of satisfying himself. There is the same objection to this clause as to the other (Hon. B. Layton's question) that is, that above all others ought to have the right to contribute. However, the hon. member will have full opportunity of doing himself and I will assist him. I do not propose to go any further to-day, because the Public Works Department have not yet finished the schedules. I don't know that there is anything further necessary except that the main body of the Ordinance has passed. I should like to mention one point which has been almost overlooked, but which I thought would have been naturally the direction of the Governor in determining the compensation. The intention is to be given to dispossess lot-holders. The disposer which will be bound to execute under this Ordinance was certainly not sought by myself. It is a most ridiculous duty which I would be the last to desire to have imposed upon me. I had no part in drafting the Ordinance and certainly not part in including that provision. It has been done by others, by the law-makers, and not to me, taking into consideration all the circumstances. The more I have thought further to say in the matter, the less I think that, that it is a duty I have to exercise with very great regret, and I trust it won't be necessary at all. Rather than I should have to execute it, I would very much prefer recommending to the Secretary of State that the lot of the objector should be resuscitated, in which case the very fullest compensation would be taken at the price of the reversion. However, the Governor has put in such a position that we could take exception to it. I do not think anybody will impugn my impartiality. However, the Governor put in the first place he would ask the advice of his Council, and that would preclude personal feeling even if he were disposed to exercise it. And the Council would not be justified in coming to a conclusion without the opinion of experts. I think, although every man may not have his rights assessed at his own value, it is very common still I do, and very much when I have time to review the clauses to come what has been done. One of the Ordinance any one will be able to see, he has been injured in the slightest degree by it. There are points that affect him harshly, but after all they are founded on principles that are followed in all commercial matters. Take for instance that about the forfeiting of money paid when the instalments still due are not paid. No one doubts for a moment that the Government would not be bound to do so completely, but they must have the right to do so. One of the first rules of a commercial company is that when a bill is not paid the sheriff is forced to sell. I believe it is very rare indeed that they do forfeit the amount already paid; all they can do is that they don't lose. In the same way here, the right must be taken, and it is quite possible any loss sustained by reason of a person entering into the agreement, although, naturally, it may have to be made good, but, if the Government is bound to take the right, it is only a principle, that it would exercise that right, without hardship to the individual or in any way beyond what is necessary to secure any loss that may be incurred out of the question altogether.

Hon. P. BYRNE—It has been suggested that the object of the latter was secured by the concluding portion of clause 47.

HIS EXCELLENCE—Well, all I can say is that the majority of which I can be relieved of the responsibility, if only to avoid suspicion of partiality. It is a matter of fiduciary duty, and I have had no part in drafting the Ordinance.

Hon. B. LAYTON—I think, sir, what you have just said has put at rest any misgivings that may have been entertained about the forfeiting of money already paid. After what you have said I don't think there can be the slightest objection.

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CHAPTER XVII.

NOTHING CAN EVER COME SINGLY.

Next morning Salome had a surprise to find her mother better, brighter, and without the expression of mingled alarm and pain that her face had worn for the last two days. She refrained from telling her about the mysterious nocturnal visitor, because it was her invariable practice to spare the old lady everything that might cause her anxiety and provoke a relapse. It could do no good to unnecessarily alarm her, and Salome knew how to restrain from speaking unadvisedly.

Before parting her mother's morning visit Salome made an attempt to get at the bottom of the matter that puzzled her and rendered her uneasy. It was the duty of the housemaid to lock the doors at night. Salome sent for, and inquired about, that which gave admission to the garden. The girl protested that she had indeed done as usual, and had not neglected any one of her duties.

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"Salome, my dea—said Mrs. Caworth, after her daughter had kissed her and congratulated her on her improvement. "I am thankful to say that I am better. A load that has troubled and oppressed me for some days has been lifted off my art."

"I am glad, mamma," said the girl, "that at last you are reconciled to the change. It was indeed a relief to me. I shall feel better when we are settled at Redstone."

"My dear," answered Mrs. Caworth, "I must abandon the idea of going there."

"Where? To Redstone?"

"Yes. The house is beyond my means. I cannot possibly afford it."

"But—mamma!" Salome started. "I have already secured the lodgings!"

"Only for a quarter, and it would be better to ascertain whether the room will turn out agreeable in the month of April and not before, and again, so quickly following this dreadful change."

"But—mamma!" Salome was greatly taken aback. "This is springing a surprise on me. The arrangement is to the width of my knowledge I believe it is one of their pretensions which, like vivisection, dries up the springs of moral worth."

"A cottage, quite a cottage, such as the artisans occupy, must content us. We shall have to cut our coat according to our cloth."

"Mamma! You allowed me to engage Redstone."

"I did not then know how we were circumstanced. To make both ends meet we shall have to pinch."

"But why pinch? You told me before that we had enough on which to live quietly and comfortably."

"I was mistaken. I have had a great and unexpected loss."

"Poor mamma! What loss?"

"In mean—wall," the old lady stammered, "I mean—my—disappointment. I am not so well off as I was supposed. I had miscalculated my resources."

"I have only just discovered what your means really are?"

"You must not excite her," said Janet, reproachfully.

"I do not wish to do so," explained Salome.

"But I am so surprised, so puzzled—and this is all out of our plans at the last moment after I engaged Redstone—I do not know what to think of it." She was silent, and said with a frown in her face, "Mamma, you surely had not reckoned on your wife's will?"

Mrs. Caworth hesitated, then said, "Of course, it is a severe blow to me that no provision had been made for you and me. We might fairly have reckoned on receiving something after what was done for Janet, and you were his favourite."

"Of course, it did not count on this?"

"Remember that you are left absolutely destitute. What little I have saved will hardly support us both. Janet can do nothing for us just now."

"Because of the Prussian," said Mrs. Baynes. "Wait a bit; as soon as we have swept them from the face of fair France, I shall make you both come to me at Elbeuf."

"Mamma," said Salome, "I am still puzzled. You are very well that uncle's will was worthless when you let me make arrangements for Redstone, and now that I have settled every thing you knock over my plans. If you had told me ago—"

"I could not tell you. I did not know" said the widow. "That is to say, I had misreckoned my means."

Thee there is no help for it. I must try to get out of the agreement for Redstone. If I can, I am afraid the agent will not let me off. We shall have to pay double rent, and there is little chance of underletting Redstone at this time of the year."

"Better pay double than have to make a damage-removal; it will be less expense in the end."

"Perhaps so," answered Salome; then she left her mother's room that she might go upstairs and think over this extraordinary change of plans. She was rather painful to see that she had been treated with due consideration, subjected unwillingly to much trouble and annoyance.

In the hall saw Mr. Philip Penycomequick. He beckoned to her to follow him to the garden door, and she obeyed. He knocked at the door, and said, "Come in."

"I took away the key last night," he said, "and now you see my reason."

He pointed to the turf.

"It is full of snow, that communicated snow that I ate meal, had taken place at sundown, and I am afraid the agent will not let me off. We shall have to pay double rent, and there is little chance of underletting Redstone at this time of the year."

A track of human feet was impressed on the white surface from the door to the steps that gave access to the vegetable garden.

Without exchanging a word, both followed the track, walking wide of it, one on each side. A footstep marked each step, and the track led, less than a yard, down the lower garden to the door in the wall at the bottom, through which it doubtless passed, there were no signs of a scuffle. The door was open.

"Have you the key?" asked Philip.

"I have not. There is one on Mr. Penycomequick's bunch, and my mother has a second."

"It matters not," said Philip. "Outsides is a path along which the mill people have gone this morning to their work, and have tramped out all the traces of our mysterious visitors. The prints are all mine and mine. The shape of the impression tells me so."

They returned to the house.

"This unpleasant incident convinces me of one thing," said Philip. "It will not do for me to live in this place alone. I can explain this mysterious affair in one other way. Either one of the servants having a brother, cousin, or lover, who she wished to favour with the pick of my uncle's clothes, that she knew were laid out for distribution, allowed him to come and choose for himself."

"Or else—"

"Or else the gardener left the little door in the wall ajar. Some passing train seeing it open, ventured in, and finding nothing worth taking in the garden, pursued his explorations to the house, where he was fortunate enough to find another door open, through which he effected his entrance and helped himself to what he first had in view. He would have taken more had he not been disturbed by me."

"He may have seen you pass down the stairs and so have taken the alarm and despatched. My second explanation is the least probable, for it demands a double simultaneous neglect of

fastening doors by two independent persons, the housemaid and the gardener."

"The gardener has not been working for some weeks."

"Then how this has occurred concerns me less than the promotion of a recurrence," said Philip. "I must have a responsible person in the house. May I see your mother?"

As he asked, he entered the hall, and Janet at the same moment came out of her mother's sitting-room with a beaming face. She slightly bowed to Philip, and said eagerly to her sister, "Salome, the postman is coming down the road. I am sure he brings me good news. I am going to see him as soon as possible."

Salome admitted Philip into the sitting-room. She would have stopped him, but he requested her to stay.

"What have I to say to Mrs. Caworth?" he said, shortly, "concerns you as well as your mother?"

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